

MEMO TO FILE

RE: Carpet Kleen dumping waste to Fassnight Creek

On Monday, May 16, 1988, this office received a complaint that was referred to us from the Health Department concerning a "Carpet Kleen" truck that was dumping its cleaning waste into Fassnight Creek through the storm box at Jefferson and Bennett. The complainant said that the truck would come by the storm box 2 or 3 times a week between midnight and 1 a.m. in the morning. She had the truck's license number. Gene and I went to that location to look in the storm box. We couldn't see any evidence of dumping in the storm box, although there was a lot of algae growing in the bottom of the creek bed. While we were looking around, one of the owners of the Fix'n Finish Furniture Shop came out to talk to us about the problem. She said her neighbor was the one that had called the City, but that she had also seen the carpet cleaning truck there and she showed us exactly where he dumped his waste. She also told us that about 12 times during the last summer an RV had parked there for a short period of time and she was sure they were dumping the waste from their indoor toilet into the creek. We asked her to try to get the license number the next time she saw them and we would write them a letter. When we went back to the office Randy had called the police department to check on the license number of the carpet cleaning truck and found that it was registered to Harold and Irene Hahn, who own "Carpet Kleen of Springfield". I wrote them an NOV letter for Randy's signature.

On Thursday, May 19, 1988, Mike Adams of the Police Department called and wanted to talk to someone who knew about this situation. He told me he had two witnesses who were ready to testify in court about the Carpet Kleen truck and wanted Mike to give the owner a ticket for littering. Mike Adams didn't think a ticket for littering was appropriate. He said he had talked to the owner of the company, who told Mike he would take full responsibility for the actions of his truck driver because he had never told him not to dump the carpet cleaning waste there. He told Mike that it was only soapy water and the City could take samples of it any time they wanted to. I explained to Mike that only unpolluted water could go into a creek and that a person had to have a permit from the state to discharge even that. I told him we had had problems with several other carpet cleaning companies doing the same thing. He wanted to know if we had prosecuted them. I told Mike that we wrote them letters but we couldn't give them tickets. He asked for a copy of the letter that I wrote Mr. Hahn and said he would talk to the Prosecutor about the situation.

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To Vicki called (Health)
Date _____ Time _____ By Dept.

While You Were Out

Mr./Mrs./Ms. Pam - no phone
Of 1419 S. Jefferson

☐ Telephoned ☐ Called to See You
☐ Will Call Again ☐ Wants to See You
☐ Please Call Him/Her ☐ Rush!

Phone 2 or 3 times a wk.

Message Bennett & Jefferson

Jordan FASSNIGHT

Co. comes over &
dumps cleaning chem.
Wed. @ 1:00

"Carpet KLEEN" on truck
last night

UK 7-546 (OVER)

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FROM-REVENUE DATE 05-16-88 TIME 11:27:53

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VYD/87 VMA/GND

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QNM/HAHN HAROLD & IRENE

QCS/SPRINGFIELD

CYL/ SERIES/

MO ZIP/65907

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